

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO**

JAMES FITZPATRICK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

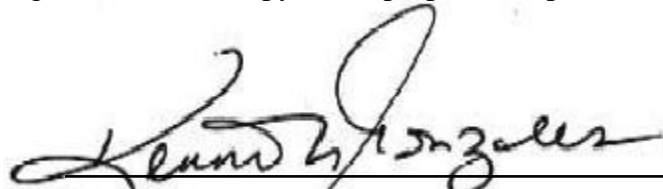
No. CIV 17-1042 KG/SMV

NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Defendant.

**ORDER OF REFERENCE RELATING TO  
PRISONER CASES**

In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §§ 636(b)(1)(B), (b)(3), and *Va. Beach Fed. Sav. & Loan Ass'n v. Wood*, 901 F.2d 849 (10th Cir. 1990), this case is referred to Magistrate Judge Stephan M. Vidmar to conduct hearings, if warranted, including evidentiary hearings, and to perform any legal analysis required to recommend to the Court an ultimate disposition of the case. The Magistrate Judge will submit an analysis, including findings of fact, if necessary, and recommended disposition, to the District Judge assigned to the case, with copies provided to the parties. The parties will be given the opportunity to object to the proposed findings, analysis, and disposition as described in 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Objections must be filed within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy of the proposed disposition.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard H. Gonzales", is written over a horizontal line.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE